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Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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There was little to no rainfall as hot and dry conditions continued in most parts of Texas. Isolated areas in North East Texas and South East Texas received up to 3.00 inches. Drought conditions ranged from none to exceptional drought with areas in Edwards Plateau being the driest. There was an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork.

Small Grains: Winter wheat has almost finished harvesting throughout Texas with some harvesting still being completed in the Northern High Plains.

Row Crops: Corn harvest has started in certain districts across Texas. In the Northern High Plains, corn and sorghum are stressed due to hot, dry, and windy weather. Corn dented reached 60 percent, up 3 points from the previous year. Sorghum mature reached 45 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. Heat and drought continue to decline cotton conditions in the Blacklands and the Lower Valley. Cotton setting boils reached 35 percent for the state, down 15 points from the previous year. Sunflowers harvest reached 37 percent, up 9 from the previous year. Rice headed reached 88 percent same as the previous year. Rice harvest has started in most districts across Texas. Soybean setting pods reached 53 percent, down 3 points from the previous year. In South Texas, peanuts continue to develop pods and progress under irrigation.

Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops: In the Northern High Plains, fruit is starting to set. In the Southern High Plains, melon yields increase with each picking. In the Lower Valley, vegetable farmers are preparing their fields to plant cool season vegetable crops.

Livestock, Range and Pasture: In most districts, livestock producers continue supplement feeding of livestock due to dry conditions. Fleahoppers have been a slight problem in the Northern High Plains and grasshoppers have been a hazard in the Northern Low Plains. Range and pasture condition was rated very poor to poor.

Crop Progress

<u> </u>	Percent of Acreage						
Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average			
Corn							
Silked	89	85	89	91			
Dough	73	68	69	71			
Dented	62	55	59	57			
Mature	34	(NA)	34	29			
Cotton							
Squaring	80	70	84	84			
Setting Bolls	35	30	50	41			
Peanuts							
Pegging	60	45	55	55			
Rice							
Headed	88	80	88	90			
Harvested	9	(NA)	10	9			
Sorghum							
Headed	85	80	86	83			
Coloring	67	62	66	68			
Mature	45	37	48	51			
Soybeans							
Blooming	80	72	82	81			
Setting Pods	53	43	56	54			
Sunflowers							
Harvested	37	25	28	33			

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition

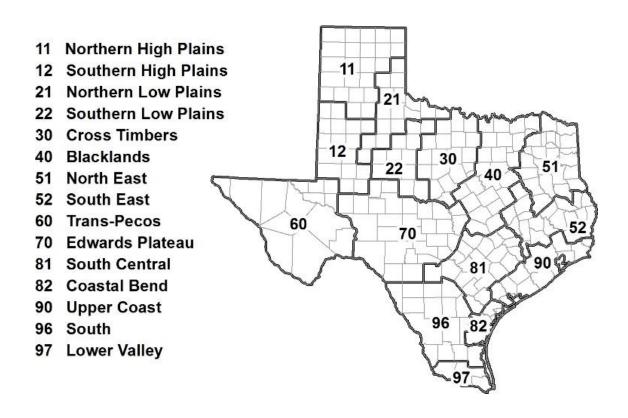
Crop		Po	Index ¹				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2023	2022
Corn	11	50	29	7	3	76	45
Cotton	3	14	33	28	22	44	51
Peanuts	3	40	48	8	1	70	65
Rice	10	69	16	5	0	84	71
Sorghum	15	33	27	11	14	66	43
Soybeans	24	33	23	20	0	75	59
Range and Pasture	2	14	26	28	30	39	15

The formula for the condition index is I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100 where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

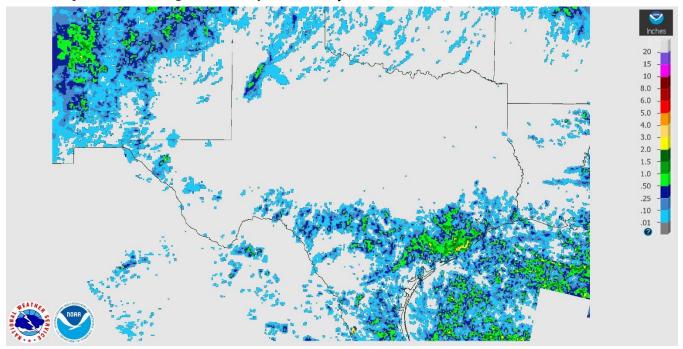
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

	Subsoil Moisture Condition by District			Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for	
District	Percentage of Acreage			Percentage of Acreage					
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Fieldwork
11	9	28	63	0	11	46	43	0	6.9
12	95	4	1	0	97	3	0	0	6.8
21	19	40	41	0	24	41	35	0	6.5
22	18	54	28	0	37	50	13	0	6.6
30	38	59	3	0	58	40	2	0	6.4
40	42	36	20	2	48	37	15	0	7.0
51	15	40	42	3	20	39	39	2	7.0
52	31	51	14	4	36	45	15	4	7.0
60	94	5	1	0	95	4	1	0	5.9
70	50	49	1	0	83	16	1	0	7.0
81	32	56	12	0	34	56	10	0	6.5
82	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	7.0
90	28	62	10	0	48	44	8	0	6.8
96	52	37	11	0	53	43	4	0	6.6
97	16	61	23	0	40	56	4	0	7.0
State	41	34	25	0	49	34	17	0	6.8

Texas Agricultural Districts

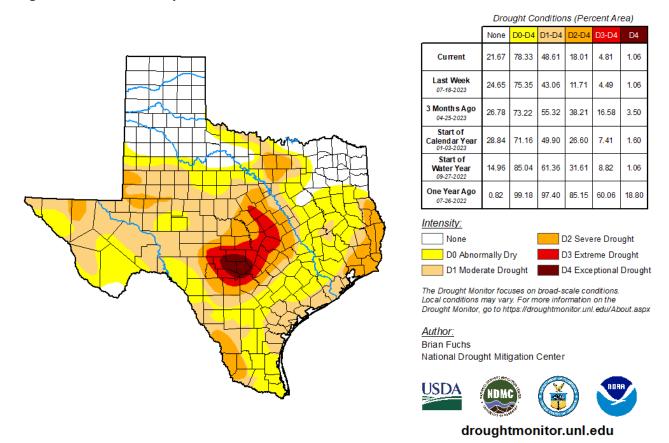


Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, July 30, 2023.



Source: National Weather Service, www.nws.noaa.gov

Drought Monitor, Valid July 25, 2023.



Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, a partnership with USDA, U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu